

Work on Cross-Lateral to Bring Torrance MWD Water Starts Soon

Contract Let for Major Step in Huge Project

Amounting to \$2,361,581, a contract for the construction of an additional 18 miles of the Metropolitan Aqueduct distributing system has been awarded by directors of the Metropolitan Water District.

Bringing a total of 322 miles of the 392-mile aqueduct system under construction, the new feeder line will advance aqueduct construction into the heart of the water district area.

Connecting to the aqueduct "upper feeder" in Eagle Rock Canyon, this cross-lateral will extend southwest through Los Angeles to 98th street in the vicinity of Avalon boulevard.

Construction work in this line is expected to get under way next month and will mark another major step in the task of delivering a billion gallons of Colorado River water daily to the thirteen Southern California cities that comprise the Metropolitan Water District.

"Open Work" Resumes

Serving the cities of Los Angeles, Compton, Torrance and Long Beach, the new line will form the western cross-feeder of the aqueduct distributing system. Constructed of welded steel pipe with special exterior and interior coatings, the water line will have a diameter of 54 inches.

On the eastern end of the aqueduct, at the Colorado River, construction work was resumed this week on the In-take and Gene pumping plants. This work has been suspended during the summer months because of the intense heat. With the coming of cooler weather, "open work" construction on other desert sections of the aqueduct will be resumed about Oct. 1.

Progress reports indicate that the giant water supply project, which crosses the entire state of California, is now more than 65 percent completed and is expected to be placed in operation in 1939.

DR. GEORGE P. SHIDLER HAD SPLENDID CAREER OF SERVICE

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He also served as president of the Nebraska Alumni association. Only his most intimate professional acquaintances knew that Dr. Shidler was the first man in the United States to quarantine for poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis). This was during his practice in Nebraska. As result of his, at that time, "arbitrary" action, he received much favorable comment from American and European medical authorities.

Devoted to Church

Spiritual welfare was closely allied with physical and mental attainments in the keen mind of Dr. Shidler and he followed the precepts of the Great Physician with his great interest in the growth of St. Andrew's Episcopal church.

He was senior warden for several years and served as superintendent of the Sunday school. St. Andrew's owes him much for his attention to the progress of the parish and he was always eager to serve the church in any capacity he could.

The Right Reverend R. B. Gooden, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles, assisted by Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, resident vicar, officiated at the funeral service yesterday afternoon. The body lay in state, surrounded by a multitude of floral offerings, previous to the time of service. Cremation followed.

Congressman Is Home From East

Congressman Charles J. Colden, representative of this district returned to his home in San Pedro this week. He was a visitor in Torrance yesterday. Except for a slight cold which he contracted enroute home, Congressman Colden appeared in splendid health, despite the arduous session at Washington. He has entirely recovered from the nasal trouble which afflicted him when he was home last, and has reduced about 25 pounds, giving him a much younger appearance.

After a short rest at Gillman Hot Springs, Colden plans to open his 17th Congressional district office in San Pedro. His daughter, Abigail, will be in charge of the office. She accompanied her father as far west as Zion National Park, where she is spending a few days before coming home.

FIGHTING DOGS TURN ON TRIO OF BATHING BEAUTIES

Three young Redondo Beach girls, between 18 and 20, won't attempt to play peace-makers in dog fights for a long time to come as a result of an incident that occurred Sunday morning at Torrance Beach.

A bulldog and a black shaggy mongrel had a difference of opinion over something that only canines could understand and promptly set out to settle their argument with a terrific battle.

The young ladies tried to intervene and were promptly and enthusiastically bitten by the combatants who forgot their quarrel to turn on the bathing beauties. Only one of the "girl-victims" names was obtained. She was Gloria Moore.

Local police, who investigated, found that a Redondo physician had cauterized her wounds and the others were instructed to obtain physicians' treatments at once and notify the county health department in order to prevent infection.

Daughter Files Will for Probate

Lillian E. Maek, 25026 Narbonne avenue, Lomita, is to receive the entire estate of her mother, the late Mrs. Ethel L. Christian, who died Sept. 3 at Wilmington, according to the will filed for probate this week in Los Angeles county superior court.

Three parcels of real estate are the principal items in the estate, the total value of which may not exceed \$5,000, it was stated.

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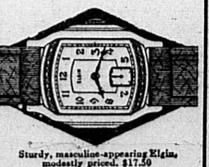


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Negotiations for the purchase of all of the outstanding bonds of A. and I. District No. 217, formed for the improvement of Amelia street, near Torrance in the Keystone area, were nearing completion this week following adoption of a resolution by the board of supervisors.

The supervisors adopted the recommendation of the county special assessment relief committee. The Griffith company is to assemble all of the bonds outstanding, and deliver them to the county, for which one warrant shall be drawn, payable to the Griffith Company. The Griffith Company, it was understood, purchased the bonds that were voted in order to finance the improvement.

A total of \$30,330 is being paid for the outstanding bonds, which have a face value of \$43,388. The supervisors had previously set aside \$19,288 for relief of the taxpayers in the district, and this sum is being used for the purchase, together with \$11,042 in funds not assigned to the credit of any particular district.

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